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On go the lights

THOUSANDS flocked to Southend town centre for the town's Christmas lights switch-on.

Former X Factor finalist Matt Linnen helped to turn on the town's illuminations on Saturday.

Live entertainment, organised by Southend Business Improvement District (BID), was put on throughout Southend High Street and on the seafront during the day.

Southend BID chairman Dennis Baldry said: "It was a fantastic event and great to see so many people who braved the cold."

"The build-up to the switch-on was a great mix of acts that really entertained the crowds."

"The evening ended with another amazing firework display that captivated the thousands of people who crowded the seafront to watch them."

"It was certainly a very positive and welcome boost to the town to really show the best of Southend."



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Company forced into liquidation and jobs lost after £3.8million theft

HELD TO ACCOUNT

by Michael Cox

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AN ACCOUNTS manager from Leigh has been jailed after embezzling £3.8million from a family-run shipping company in Basildon, forcing it into liquidation and leaving 30 people unemployed.

Paul Hawkrige, 37, of The Fairway, was sentenced to six years imprisonment for two counts of fraud and three years for money laundering, to run concurrently, at Basildon Crown Court on Monday.

He had pleaded guilty to the offences at court on October 10.

Essex Police began investigating in June 2016 after receiving a call from Orient Worldwide Shipping Ltd.

Officers found that Hawkrige, the company's accounts manager, had taken £3.8million since 2011 by creating bulk payments to the company and then transferred deposits into his own personal accounts.

An Essex Police spokesman said Hawkrige had stolen from the company that had employed him since the age of 18 and had paid for his exams before systematically covering it up over several years.

Hawkrige spent the majority of the cash on gambling and also to

make overpayments on his mortgage, helping him to pay off his family home 15 years early.

He was arrested at his home address in July 2016.

Investigating officer DC Angie Coxon, of Basildon CID, said: "Hawkrige's actions were selfish, calculative and devious. He stole millions of pounds from the very employers who took him under their wing and helped train and support him emotionally and financially."

"His colleagues were also left redundant by his actions and were forced to find other jobs. This fraud caused trauma and had a massive



JAILED: Paul Hawkrige

impact on the victims and their families.

"In this case the effect has been severe, the reputation of an upstanding and hardworking company has been destroyed and their futures irretrievably altered both from a personal aspect and within the shipping business."

She said the force is hoping to claim back some of the stolen money by submitting an application under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

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MPs savage draft Brexit deal and turn fire on PM

THREE Tory MPs from south east Essex have slammed the draft Brexit deal unveiled last week.

Mark Francois, Rayleigh and Wickford MP, sent a letter of no-confidence in prime minister and party leader Theresa May last Friday.

He said in his letter, published on his website, that he and senior members of the European Research Group had been trying to persuade the prime minister and senior Downing Street officials away from the Chequers proposals and towards a free trade arrangement known as Super Canada.

He claimed that "no one really listened to a word we said" and that "Chequers, to which the Prime Minister is clearly unbearably wedded, would not constitute Brexit in any shape or form whatsoever".

A former serviceman in the Territorial Army, Mr Francois said he is defending his country and said his letter was



BLUE ON BLUE: Mark Francois, James Duddridge and Sir David Amess

"something I thought I would never do".

He wrote: "For the sake of the Conservative Party and indeed for our country's destiny, I honestly believe that now is time to seek fresh leadership that can carry this country forward outside of the European Union and

confidently into the world."

James Duddridge, MP for Rochford and Southend East, submitted his letter of no-confidence last month.

Fifteen per cent of Conservative MPs need to send a letter to chairman of the party's 1922 committee, Sir Graham Brady, to trigger a leadership election.

He told the *YA* the draft Brexit agreement "does not deliver the Brexit that either I or my constituents voted for".

"This deal keeps us bound to the European Union, acting as a supplicant puppy to a federal block", he said.

"It could see us indefinitely remain in the customs union unable to path our own globalised future. I will not support this deal."

Mr Duddridge added that he submitted his no-confidence letter as he felt that Mrs May could not deliver the Brexit that was voted for.

He suggested Boris Johnson, Penny Mordaunt, Esther McVey and David

Davis as potential replacements.

Southend West MP Sir David Amess said he cannot support the draft agreement, claiming that "it would see us stuck in a potentially indefinite backstop arrangement, shackling us to a customs union that we have no unilateral right to leave."

He added: "This is a complete capitulation of the sovereignty that 17.4 million people voted to regain."

"Any deal that means the UK fails to regain complete sovereignty over our laws, shackles us to the EU indefinitely, and hinders our freedom to forge our own path in the world, is nothing short of a betrayal of the vote to leave."

He refused to comment on whether he had sent a letter of no-confidence in Mrs May.

Mr Francois and Castle Point MP Rebecca Harris did not respond to the *YA*'s questions about Brexit at the time of going to press.

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **COUNCIL** car parks in Southend town centre will be free to park in on certain days in December.

Ten car parks will not charge for parking on Thursdays after 4pm and all day on Sundays.

The free parking starts on Sunday, December 2 and runs up to and including Sunday, December 30.

Car parks included are Alexandra Street, Warrior Square, Seaway, Clarence Road, Tylers Avenue, York Road, London Road (behind Pizza Express), University Square, Essex Street and Short Street.

● **AN ACTION** day was held in Southend last week for residents and businesses to give their feedback to services tasked with improving the town centre.

Representatives from the Southend Community Safety Partnership, including Essex Police, Southend Council and housing organisations, were in High Street offering advice, information and support.

Insp Ian Hughes, from Southend community policing team, said: "These activity days really allow us to reassure the public that we work in partnership, across various organisations to make Southend a welcoming and inviting town for residents and visitors alike."

● **A CHRISTMAS** carol concert is taking place in Southend to raise charity cash.

Southend Bach Choir has announced the concert in aid of HARP, which supports homeless people in the town.

The event is on Saturday, December 22 from 7pm at St Mary's Church, on East Street, Prittlewell.

Entry is free but the choir are asking for voluntary donations to be made on the night to HARP.

Two jailed for 'horrific' ammonia attack on man in his home

TWO men have been jailed over a ammonia attack in Southend which left the victim with permanent damage to his vision.

Nathan Stanford, 27, of Carswell Gardens, Wickford, was sentenced to 10 years for aggravated burglary and throwing a corrosive liquid with intent to burn, maim, disfigure, disable or do grievous bodily harm.

Ashley Nelson, 31, of no fixed address, was jailed for eight years for the same offences. Both men were linked to the attack when their DNA was found on the bottle which had contained the ammonia.

Their 55-year-old victim was in bed at his flat in Lonsdale Road when he heard banging downstairs.

He went to investigate and found a man walking up the stairs holding a drink bottle and a stick.

When challenged, the man squirted the contents of the bottle into his face and then hit him in the face with a stick.

A second man appeared brandishing a knife and swung it at the victim.

The victim fought back and all three tumbled down the stairs before the attackers fled.

The man was treated in hospital with for chemical burns to his left eye and his vision is permanently marred by black dots. He also suffered a leg injury in the attack.

DC Katie Londesborough, of Southend CID, said: "This was a horrific attack on a defenceless man, who was just trying to maintain the security of his home. His life will never be the same after this brutal assault and I would like to praise his bravery and dignity in facing Nelson and Stanford in court."



TEN YEARS: Nathan Stanford



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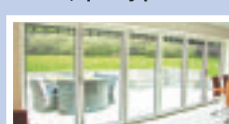
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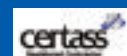
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Libraries to face radical shake-up

A VISION of a library service available online 24/7 to fit with people's lives is to be considered by Essex County Council.

Residents will be asked for their comments in a major consultation on the plans, which will be considered by the council's cabinet this week.

Traditional library use in Essex has collapsed in the last ten years. There are 31 per cent fewer people using libraries now than in 2008 – over 100,000 less users – and loans of books and other items are down by 52 per cent.

At the same time, the number of e-book loans and online reservations has more than doubled since 2013.

Essex has the second-highest number of libraries in the UK and is in the top-five counties nationally for spending on libraries, but with increasing costs and declining usage, especially at some smaller libraries, the service is no longer viable in its current form.

The future draft proposals aim to build online library services, with fewer, but better libraries and more community-run libraries.

Cllr Susan Barker, cabinet member for customer services, said: "We want to create a library service with a wider appeal, which is more relevant to and a better fit with people's lives – one which is online 24/7, is faster, and offers more choice."

"Technology has transformed how people read books and access



CHANGE: E-book loans and online reservations have surged in the last five years

information and entertainment, which is why we must look critically at our current library locations and respond to these changes. We also have to make sure that we continue to offer value for money. That may mean some libraries are not viable. But if that is the case, we want to talk to communities about how they can become involved and run a library service with our support."

But Unison Eastern regional manager Tim Roberts said: "Essex County Council is threatening to rip the heart out of our communities. If the only thing libraries did was make knowledge available to all, then these closures would be an act of cultural vandalism

– but the fact is they do so much more, from children's story times to helping elderly and vulnerable people connect with the world around them."

"And we can't run a high-quality and accountable library service on goodwill alone. If we want our kids to fall in love with reading, we need properly trained, properly paid staff to guide them through the process in properly resourced libraries."

The consultation runs from November 29 to February 20. Findings will be published and any changes proposed considered next June.

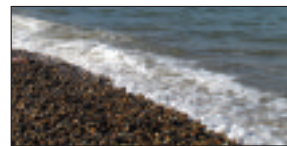
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SUPPORT: The dementia community support team working for Southend Council and the NHS are shortlisted for the team of the year at the Local Government Chronicle Awards

Dementia support team in running for top award

A TEAM supporting dementia patients in south east Essex has been nominated for a national award.

The dementia community support team, which works on behalf of Southend Council and the NHS, is shortlisted for the team of the year at the Local Government Chronicle Awards, which recognise innovation and service delivery.

The team supports residents affected by dementia and works to ensure the area is as dementia-friendly as possible.

Jacqui Lansley, director of integration and partnerships for NHS Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, said: "This is an absolute testament to the work that this team has carried

out as part of our integrated commissioning approach working in partnership with GP practices, the hospital and our community services."

The team is made up in part of dementia navigators, who offer support and guidance to help people understand dementia and the day to day challenges it may bring.

The service has received more than 700 referrals since going live in April 2017.

Dr Jose Garcia Lobera, GP and chairman of NHS Southend CCG and Dr Kashif Siddiqui, GP and chairman of NHS Castle Point and Rochford CCG, said: "The compassion and dedication shown by the team to support local people and make the local area, businesses and healthcare settings dementia-friendly is inspirational."



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Stupidity, duplicity and politics

STUPIDITY and duplicity have been the two main drivers in politics ever since the first caveman to realise that by hitting his rival over the head with his club he could become leader of the tribe – only for the same fate to befall him as the pebble dropped with the others.

In modern times, until last week, the prime example of stupidity, I suppose, was Neville Chamberlain in 1938 waving a random piece of paper in the air declaring peace in our time while over the North Sea, Hitler was laughing down the sleeve of his trenchcoat planning his next invasion.

It's ironic that in the same week that Theresa May tries to convince the nation that we should accept a Brexit deal which is tantamount to treason, Frau Merkel declares her support for the formation of a European army – something her French counterpart didn't even have the decency to wait until after Remembrance Day to call for.

If ever I needed a reminder that my remain vote had been wasted, that was it.

Much has been said about the draft proposal (remember those two words – it will come in handy later) which the cabinet apparently agreed to accept (even

though within hours of that statement yet another Brexit secretary had bitten the dust along with pensions secretary, Esther McVey, who according to reports, was hollered at by a civil servant during a five-hour meeting in which as many as 10 cabinet ministers spoke out passionately against accepting a deal which not only fails to deliver on the referendum result, but also gives up our sovereignty – something many have died for over centuries.

And at the end of it, our prime minister stands before a bank of television cameras insisting that the agreement is the exact opposite of the kick in democracy's nuts that is actually is.

Is she so stupid to think we would believe it?

And is she so stupid she thinks this has any chance at all of making it through Parliament? I think not.

The most telling part of Mrs May's statement to the media from outside Downing Street was her assertion that the choices we have are this capitulation (I refuse to call it a deal), no deal at all or (and here it comes...) we remain in the EU.

There it is. The whole point of this past two and a half years. Not stupidity – but duplicity. Make the sheep believe it's their decision to

go back on the biggest democratic exercise in our history. That has been the plan all along since June 2016.

In the meantime some bloke called Steve is going to be Brexit Secretary for a bit.

The EU's chief negotiator Michel Barnier has been quick to say that there is no more room for negotiation, yet this is not a finished article.

These 500-odd pages of peacetime surrender are a "draft proposal" and, in what may yet turn out to be the decisive act in this drama, a "gang of five" within the cabinet are going around the PM in pushing for amendments which could yet turn the worst deal in history into the greatest piece of duplicitous politics to ever save a nation.

Could any of us have predicted such a scenario? The survival of democracy in the hands of a group led by Andrea Leadsom and backstabbing weasel in-chief Michael Gove?

You know, if they manage to pull this off and salvage something that's acceptable to the nation and to Parliament, I don't care how they achieve it or who succeeds Mrs May (and her days are surely numbered).

But someone else with an even bigger club will be along shortly.

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This deal or no deal the only options

REMAINING in the EU is not an option due to the referendum. This leaves only two options, the present deal or no deal.

We see opposition to the deal from some areas, but mostly for the wrong reasons. The opposition parties will of course oppose any deal that the Government comes up with because that is their job to do so even if it is in the best interest of the country.

Some Tory members will oppose because they have their own ambitious agendas.

But let's look at the reality of the present situation by asking ourselves a few questions. If Theresa May goes, who can replace her? I can't think of anyone in her party that has her intelligence or courage.

Jeremy Corbyn is just a joke and the SNP doesn't want to belong to the UK anyway. No other party is even worth a mention so we can forget about Ireland (who should be able to sort their own borders) and Wales for the time being.

The recent resignation of Tory members proves to me that they were not cut out for the job in the first place and should resign from politics altogether.

Whatever you think of the present prime minister, she is one tough lady and you should not only respect her for this but support her too.

As a ex-staunch Labour supporter I have to say that when

the day of the next election comes there will only be one choice which is Tory as the alternatives are just a bad joke.

With only two Brexit options on the table the best deal that the leavers can get is to support the present deal and I say this even though I prefer a no deal scenario.

The only good thing about the recent negotiations and outfall is that it has sorted the men from the boys and to those that have resigned I say good riddance.

One thing that will never change in politics is that you never know who is telling the truth and who is not.

But at least we discover in the end which ones are lacking a backbone.

*Keith Little
Benfleet*

Last chance to help us save green belt

NEXT Wednesday (November 28), at the council offices at 7.30pm your elected councillors will be voting on the 2018 Local Plan.

The vote itself will be worded to remove the borough's green belt status from the plan.

If your councillor votes Yes to this proposal it is already known that developers will have their already prepared building applications submitted as early as first thing on Thursday, November 29.

It is known that some Castle Point planners and some of your elected councillors have let slip that Jotmans Farm will

be built on. This is substantiated by the already completed recent expensive roadworks on nearby access roads into the planned Jotmans Estate.

Additionally, household boundary fencing has already been realigned to accommodate easier access for the mountainous amount of daily traffic expected when building works commence.

Any borough resident who thinks this issue will not affect them could well be in for a very nasty shock.

Once this plan is accepted, it will also open the way for every developer in the country to submit building applications on green belt land.

For many years campaigners have fought hard and long and some battles have been won. We now need residents to turn up at the council offices next Wednesday to show your opposition.

It is also known that authorities such as highways, environmental and other public departments have already submitted their approval to the local planners for the go ahead.

Just go up to Tarpots every morning, day and night time and witness the vast amount of traffic constantly passing through.

Yet council party leaders and seemingly many councillors have already indicated that they will vote this plan in.

This has been the master plan for many years to build on the now renamed area known as West of Benfleet stretching from Jotmans to Gblelands.

The average person in the street cannot make sense or see

any logic to this proposal whatsoever.

This is the master plan and it has been on the table for many years and by hook or by crook the instigators will not give up until they have achieved their aim.

Finally, some of our councillors cannot vote because of vested interests and some may abstain – the fores and against voting numbers have already been calculated. Democracy – it's a fine line when politics and egos has a firm hold on councillors' individual voting patterns.

Help save the borough's and the country's green and pleasant land which a lot of people fought and died for – surely you can spare a couple of hours for such an important event.

Help save the green belt to save your children and grandchildren's future and their valued way of life.

*T J Smith
Benfleet*

Crime Prevention Strategy

IMPORTANT to let people know that a new Essex Police Crime Prevention Strategy has recently launched.

The pleasing news is that no

crimes are being excluded from investigation, but naturally the more reported still means higher crime statistics.

There are nine elements to the strategy: Domestic Abuse, Sexual Crime Child Abuse and Exploitation, House Burglary and Street Robbery, Gangs and knife crime, Digital Crime and Fraud, Hate Crime, Night Time Economy, Preventing Violent Extremism and Serious and Organised Crime.

A very comprehensive and dark menu of often daily type investigations our police take forward on behalf of all of us every day of the year.

*Cllr Mark Flewitt
Public Protection Cabinet
Member*

Are we doomed to yet another failure?

THERE can't be many people that take an interest in local affairs, who are not aware of SKIPP's plans for a Saxon village on a brown field site in Priory Park, but it seems they are all in the council.

This is wilful ignorance on their part as we have tried for 10 years to put our money making plans to them.

Now Cllr James Courtney

is suggesting that the village would take up parkland; it would be on the site of an old depot and that a large extra car park would need to be built.

If he visited Sutton Hoo he would see that we already have an adequate car park in Priory Park. People don't all come at once.

He ignores the crucial question of proximity to the actual burial ground being the major draw when he advocates the High Street as a potential site.

He also ignores the British Museum's requirements for a facility to house the Saxon King's treasures to be purpose built and the huge costs this involves.

Will the council draw the town into yet another failure?

*The SKIPP Committee
Patsy Link, Sheena Walker
Mark Sharp*

Leave now!

AS I have been saying from the beginning – we need to leave TODAY – and then negotiate with the EU.

Two weeks after we stop sending them money, they will disintegrate. Then we'll negotiate with each country separately.

It's that simple, people. Apply some logic. WAKE UP!

Fred Nicholson

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It all starts with the tree

A Christmas tree is the star of the celebrations, but choosing a style can be as tricky as untangling the tinsel.

But this year, banish seasonal stress by taking inspiration from these three decor themes - frosty, copper or emerald. Then add the bells and baubles, sit back and wait for the compliments.

"A Christmas tree is such a seasonal statement and nowadays isn't just for friends and family as its style is often shared on social media, so we all want it look as beautiful and stylish as possible," says Lee Jackson, Christmas stylist and designer for Dobbies garden centres.

"The main influence on tree trends over the last few years can be summed up in one word - 'craft'. The huge resurgence in activities such as needlepoint, felting, paper crafts, hand-stitching and crochet are reflected in the styles as well as the materials - from wool and wood to felt - used for tree decorations, giving them a lovely personal hand-crafted feel.

"The other influence is the Japanese craze, Kawaii, which means unashamedly cute, and that's played a part in the popularity of cutesy woodland animals dancing across tree branches.

"Squirrels, deer, hedgehogs, stags and even mythical creatures like unicorns are all having their moment this

year in the seasonal limelight."

Let it snow.....

"Our Snowy Forest tree trend uses lots of silver tones and snow-tipped animals to bring a midwinter landscape to life," says Jackson of the Dobbies offering.

"A traditional colour-combo of red and white is classic, but this interpretation is fresh but simple and conjures a stylishly serene, icy winter wonderland."

Its Enchanted Garden theme, inspired by foliage and flowers, is a little more rustic. It features a selection of wooden and fabric decorations, featuring animals and birds, starting from £2.99 each.

STYLE TIP: Create your own 'snow storm' with Artificial Snow, 100g bag, £2, from Hobbycraft. Simply spread glue where you want the snow to stick - on baubles and present wrapping - and sprinkle on. Follow the white and red colour theme when gift-wrapping parcels displayed under the tree and go all out with beautiful red and white ribbon and gorgeous gift tags.

Conjure a copper glow

"Our amber story - inspired by the golden tones of autumnal forests - is my absolute favourite," said Fionnuala Johnston, senior designer, John Lewis.

"This colour theme has natural layers of beautiful tones from amber through to rich chestnut. This beautiful rustic environment full of wildlife

has a cosy and warm feel, making me want to snuggle up with fur throws and mulled wine after a long walk."

STYLE TIP Amber tones are in tune with the fashion for metallics, especially burnished copper, which adds lustre to any scheme. Shine a light with a Copper Tea Light House, £7.99, Lights4Fun and a Wired Copper Light Garland, £25, Cox & Cox. Add to the party atmosphere with a Party Fan Set (3), in copper and gold effects, £2.99, in store, Homesense.

Go green...

"This pays a nod to the sensory haven of a tropical rain forest and the Emerald collection incorporates clear glass, feathers and tropical leaves to create a lush, luxe Christmas setting," says Dan Cooper, Christmas buyer, John Lewis.

"Inspired by nature, these decorations feature toucans, dragonflies, snails and parrots, with succulents and moss as well, to create an enchanting festive wonderland.

"A favourite is the Banana Leaf hanger, a glass decoration shaped as an on-trend monstera leaf in a vivid green hue."

STYLE TIP: Work stems of faux foliage into a tree to make it look fuller. Dress a mantel with a green garland: Real Christmas Garland, White & Silver, £65, John Lewis. Ramp up the luxe by treating a sofa to velvet cushions in shades of green: Plain Velvet Cushion, in Dark Spruce or Ivy, £25, John Lewis.



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Christmas Food and Drink

Foodies' festive faves

EVERY family has its own Christmas traditions, but what do chefs and cookery book writers do on December 25?

Jamie Oliver, who has teamed up with Hotpoint on a new initiative to tackle food waste, doesn't think one Christmas is enough. "I'm a bit weird, so we have the roast turkey, which isn't actually traditional – we've only been doing that for about 70 years really in Britain, give or take. Turkey is from South America," he explains.

"I normally have a small Christmas and then a big party the next day, so I do turkey, Porchetta and goose."

Great British Bake Off judge Prue Leith, author of *Prue: My All-time Favourite Recipes* (Bluebird), loves a bit of festive trifle.

"I make very good trifle because I can't stand leftovers, so if there's a bit of stale cake around, it goes in the freezer to become trifle. And I make really good trifle because I don't do any jelly – I hate jelly in trifle."

River Cottage chef Gill Meller, author of *Time (Quadrille)* is keen to mix things up.

"This year, I'm thinking I'm not going to do anything that I don't just love. So if I can, I was going to do some really beautiful crab, French fries, aioli, good bread, butter and salad, because that's what I love, so why can't we eat that on Christmas Day?"

Food critic William Sitwell, ambassador for the Royal Voluntary Service's Cooking For A Crowd campaign, keeps things traditional.

"My father always used to make baked eggs in the morning, then it's church, then a glass of champagne and the first present. I like to have lunch promptly at 1.30pm – turkey and all the trimmings. I love it," he buzzes.



Prue Leith
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"I just love a great turkey and roast potatoes, little chipolatas and cranberry sauce, and Brussels sprouts when they're done well, and gravy and lashings of claret and the Christmas pudding set on fire, crackers, hats, stupid jokes, Queen's speech."

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Christmas Food and Drink

for the dinner table

Trifle also tends to make an appearance on Prue's table

"There's something disgusting about the combination of smooth silky jelly and gritty crumbs, I don't like that, so I make very boozy cake at the bottom, very creamy custard and all the little bits and bobs on the top."

Guardian columnist, Tenderstem ambassador and author of *Fresh India*, Meera Sodha, switches turkey for duck.

"My Gujarati family are happy with potato curry on Christmas, but that's not very exciting when you've grown up with traditional Christmas food," she explains.

"Something that's become a bit of a tradition in my house is duck fesenjan, which is beautiful roasted duck with a pomegranate molasses and walnut sauce.

"Then I shred Brussels sprouts and cook them hard and fast. And last year, I wrote a recipe for these red cabbage parcels stuffed with macadamias, mushrooms and chestnuts, which is really deep and rich and meaty, but without the meat."

Simon Hulstone, owner and chef at Michelin-starred restaurant The Elephant in Torquay and champion of Seaweed From Norway, usually works on Christmas Day.

"From December 1 to Christmas Day, I just don't want to eat turkey. It's everywhere in the restaurant," he explains. "I love it, but by then I just don't want any. Last Christmas was maybe my first Christmas off ever."

"I don't have really strong feelings about Christmas, my dad was a chef too. We always work, but my wife says it's about the kids, so we'll see all the family, my wife's side and mine, and maybe have some beef. I feel a bit



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funny about eating the animals from our own farm, we have turkeys and duck."



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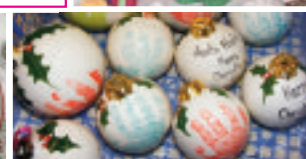


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Choirs and musical groups will entertain crowds during the evening, with Leigh shops and businesses organising their own entertainment. Pre-event entertainment for children will be at Leigh Community Centre from 4pm to 6pm, where there will be a puppet show and Elsa's grotto.

Thanks to Leigh Round Table, there will also be the chance to have your photo taken on Santa's sleigh and members will also be selling glow-sticks.

The following day, a Christmas Fayre will be held from 11am to 4pm at Leigh Community Centre.

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Candyfloss stall
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A choir in Elm Road
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A 5km Mental Elf Run on December 15 is also happening to raise money for charity.

The event is for all, from seasoned runners to those that just want a stroll in the park.

It will be taking place at Belfairs Woodland Centre and participants will be raising money for South East and Central Essex Mind.

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Christmas in Westcliff



Chalkwell fayre and The Snowman with orchestra



THE WEATHER is getting colder, the nights are drawing in and Westcliff's Christmas events are coming ever closer. Here's what to look out for:

Chalkwell Christmas Fayre starts the festive events on Sunday, November 25 from 11am until 5pm.

Entry is free to the event at Chalkwell Hall, in Chalkwell Park.

Visitors can browse for gifts made by local artists and independent makers at the indoor market, alongside live performances and creative workshops for all ages.

Among the stalls will be original artworks, homeware, jewellery, cards, edible gifts, accessories, books, prints, stocking fillers,

handmade decorations and more.

Mulled wine, hot chocolate, homemade soup and sweet treats will be among the food and drink on offer at Cafe Valise.

Westcliff's Cliffs Pavilion will also be hosting Christmassy shows in addition to this year's panto Aladdin.

These include *The Snowman*, screened with a live orchestra, with two performances at 2.30pm and 7pm on Sunday, November 25. The production features Raymond Briggs's story with music by Howard Blake, performed by Orpheus Sinfonia.

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WHATEVER you do this Christmas make a date to "boo" and "hiss" your way through one of the many pantomimes on offer this festive season.

Whether you fancy some adventure with Jack and the Beanstalk or Aladdin, a magical tale with Cinderella or Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, you are sure to find your perfect choice from the following:

Aladdin at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, December 14-January 5

Diversity, winners of Britain's Got Talent 2009, lead the cast of this year's magical pantomime.

Diversity, who cut their teeth performing in their first ever panto at the London Palladium last year, play Genies of the Ring. They are joined by Ian Royce as Wishee Washee and David Phipps-Davis as Widow Twankee.

Ashley Banjo said: "Around the country there will be a lot of pantos that are great shows but relatively similar. This year we are probably going to be the only act that does what we do leading a panto."

So change it up, do something different, and come and see what will probably be the best panto in the country."

Box office 01702 351135, southendtheatres.org.uk.

Snow White at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon, November 28-January 5

The Towngate is known for award-winning

The cast of Snow White at the Towngate, Basildon
Photo: Mark Cleveland



pantos and this year promises to be no different. Director and producer, Simon Fielding, brings back Basildon panto stalwarts Daniel Stockton and Sophie Ladds, playing Nurse Betty and the Wicked Queen, respectively.

Joining them for her panto debut as Snow White is Lizzie Emery. "It's very exciting," she said. "It's not Christmas without panto, is it?"

Rylan Clark-Neal, of X Factor and Celebrity Big Brother fame, will be joining the fun as the show's celebrity voice in the mirror.

Simon, who plays Muddles, said: "People

come to this theatre and they say 'I cannot believe that show is in Essex, I thought I would have to go into London to see something like that', well you don't."

Box office 01268 205300, www.towngatetheatre.co.uk.

Jack and the Beanstalk at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, November 28-January 6

FEE-Fi-Fo-Fum, it's panto fun for everyone. When Jack sells Pat, his beloved family

cow, for magic beans, he soon discovers they open up an unexpected world of adventure.

James William-Pattison, who plays Jack, is "super excited" for his first ever panto role.

He said: "Everyone wants to be the hero of the story and take on the giant, especially growing up in primary school, when the idea of there being so many bigger people out there in the world can be so daunting - it's a dream come true."

Renowned for their musical vibrancy at Queen's, this production is no different, with actors playing musical instruments on stage.

Box office 01708 443333, www.queens-theatre.co.uk.

Aladdin at the Thameside Theatre, Grays, November 30-January 6

POLKA Dot Pantomimes in association with Thurrock Council present this production.

Starring Celebrity Big Brother Finalist 2018 and original Towie star Dan Osborne as the Genie and Thurrock's favourite Dame, Luke Coldham as Widow Twankee, get set for a wonderful ride. Will Aladdin be able to find the lamp and make his dreams come true?

Will Abanazar trick Aladdin and steal the Princess for himself? Will Widow Twankee be destined to a life as a washer woman and will Wishee Washee ever do a full day's work?

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Cinderella at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre, November 30-January 8

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To pay her way Cinderella is made to live below stairs and do the cleaning, mending and cooking for her lazy step family. Will she be rescued by her prince and live happily ever after? This show features sparkling sets, energetic song-and-dance routines, beautiful costumes, audience participation and a generous helping of pantomime magic.

Box office 01245 606505, www.chelmsford.gov.uk/theatres.

Aladdin at the Kenneth More Theatre, Ilford, December 15-Jan 19

A LONG time ago in the far off city of Ilford (just North of Peking), lived a boy called Aladdin.

He dreams of marrying a beautiful Princess, but unfortunately the law decrees that the Princess may only marry a Prince.

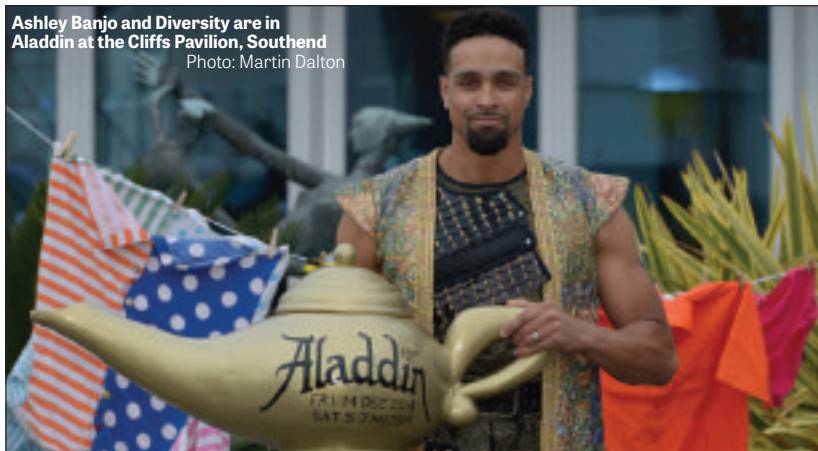
Join Aladdin on a magical carpet ride with another traditional KMT panto with spectacular scenery, magical effects, dazzling costumes, songs, laughter and adventure.

Following overwhelming public demand, Marc Seymour returns as everybody's favourite pantomime dame, so book your tickets now for this spectacular show.

Box office 020 85534466, www.kmtheatre.co.uk.

Beauty and the Beast at the Broadway Barking, November 29-December 31

Ashley Banjo and Diversity are in Aladdin at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend
Photo: Martin Dalton



ONCE upon a time, a handsome young prince was cursed by Grimalkin – the evil sorceress – and is doomed to stay hidden in his castle in the guise of a grotesque beast.

Can anyone ever love such a beast and unlock the cruel spell? Will Belle and her love save the beast from his ill-fated destiny?

The story is the classic Beauty and the Beast panto, a good fairy, a nasty witch, Beauty, her father, the prince, and the couple that kept us laughing all the way through, Dame Doty Doughnut and Muddles who looked after the

palace and the prince.

Box office 020 85075607, www.thebroadwaybarking.com.

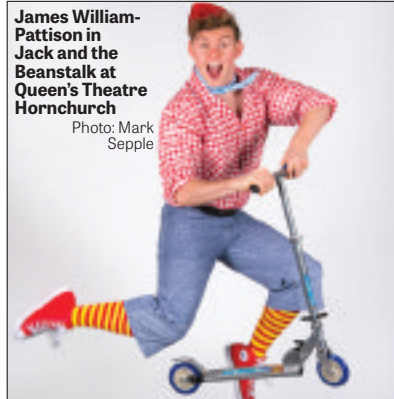
Rapunzel at Hylands Estate, Chelmsford, December 27-December 28

THE stunning parkland of Hylands Estate is the perfect backdrop for the magical tale of Rapunzel, snatched from her parents by a witch, who locks her in a tower in the woods.

There, the child grows into a young lady with very long golden hair, so long that a

James William-Pattison in Jack and the Beanstalk at Queen's Theatre Hornchurch

Photo: Mark Sepple



handsome prince can use it to climb up the tower, but will he be able to rescue her?

The classic fairy tale will be brought to life in the grand pavilion at Hylands Estate with performances starting at 11.30am and 4pm.

Box office 01245 605500, www.hylands-estate.co.uk.

The Legend of King Arthur at Brentwood Theatre, December 5-December 30

THIS magical show retells the legends of the Sword in the Stone and Arthur with his Knights of the Round Table. Arthur grows into the rightful King of England. Merlin's magic and Lancelot's bravery help Arthur on his quests against a dragon and the evil Morgana. Along the way, Arthur falls in love with the beautiful Guinevere and she inspires Arthur and his Knights to save Camelot.

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Diesel still fits the bill

DESPITE bad publicity, diesels can make sense for a lot of drivers, explains Tom Wiltshire.

In 2015, the world of diesel changed forever when news broke that Volkswagen had covered up illegally high emissions of nitrogen oxides from its diesel vehicles. Many say that diesel was mis-sold, promising low emissions and high fuel economy, when in reality, it was unsuitable for the journeys they do. But diesel isn't necessarily the bad guy. For some it still makes an awful lot of sense. How do you know if you're one of those buyers?

What's your mileage?

Diesel cars make a lot of sense for high-mileage drivers. Those doing over 20,000 miles a year will soon benefit from the increased fuel economy – and over time, they'll save money.

This is because diesel fuel contains more energy than petrol, meaning that even though it's slightly more expensive, it offers more miles per gallon. However, in most cases, diesel variants of cars cost more to buy than their petrol equivalents, so depending on the price gap, you'll need to do more miles to break even.

What type of journeys do you usually do?

Diesels are very efficient – when they're warm. But they take a while to heat up, which means during the first 10 miles or so of any journey, they'll be inefficient and polluting.

That's not really good news if you regularly undertake lots of journeys shorter than that, and it gets worse, too. You see, modern pollution control systems need the engines to be running at a certain rpm to function. This is easily achievable on the motorway, but if your

car starts a regeneration cycle while you're idling on the school run, you risk clogging up expensive and complex systems, such as exhaust gas recirculation or diesel particulate filters.

How heavily loaded are you?

If there's one thing diesels have over a petrol in abundance, it's torque. This sheer pulling power means that for heavily loaded vehicles, such as people carriers, vans, or trucks, there really isn't much substitute for a diesel. That's especially true of people who often tow heavy items like caravans or horse boxes – they'll find that a petrol, unless it's a super-powerful one, really tends to struggle in these situations.

Which cars are you looking at?

Of course, this all assumes you have an option. However, several cars simply don't offer a viable alternative to diesel, leaving you with the choice of sticking with the oil-burner or choosing a different car.

Let's take pickup trucks, for example – there's not a single petrol-powered crew-cab pickup on the UK market. The same is often true of people carriers, and even some executive or family cars have this issue, too.

Into the more luxurious end of the market and you may find the diesel is the "sensible" option.

Sure, there's a petrol available but it's a V8 with a daft amount of horsepower, and a fuel economy figure in the teens. In these situations, you may just have to work around a diesel, taking regular long journeys and making sure it's well serviced to keep the emission control systems running as they should.

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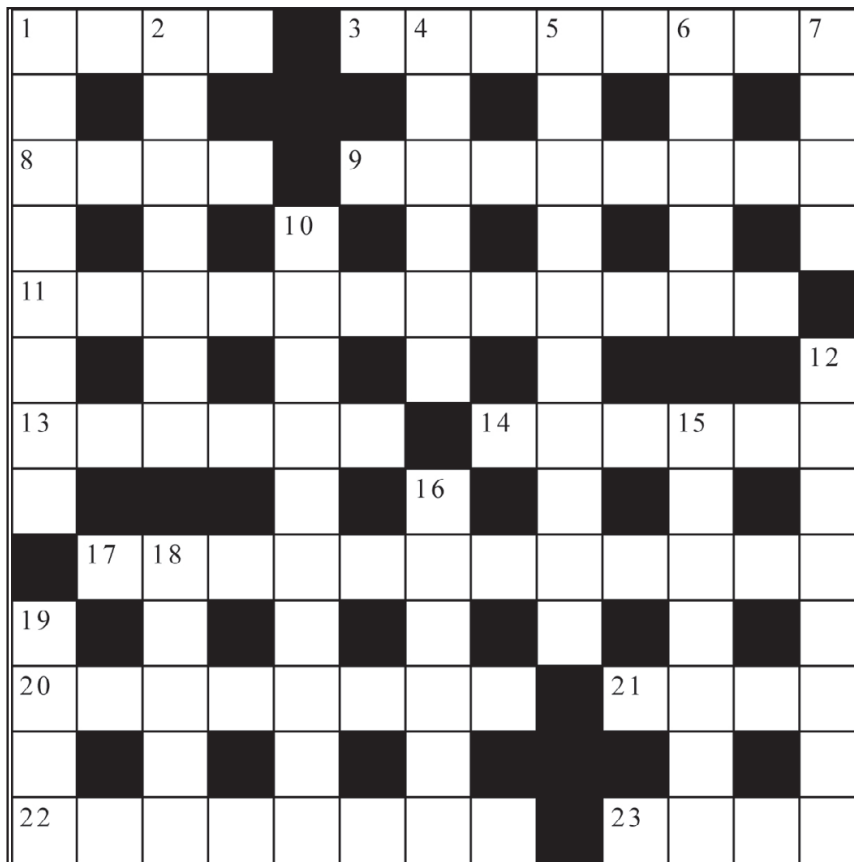
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Christmas Puzzles



Quiz quest

- What is the time difference between Lapland and London at Christmas?
- Between 1996 and 1998, which British girl band celebrated three consecutive UK Christmas number one singles?
- Who played the title role in the film Elf?
- In the song 12 Days of Christmas, what are the nine ladies doing?
- Whose aunt starred in the film White Christmas?
- Which pantomime does Buttons appear in?
- What star sign are you if you were born on Christmas Day?
- Who is the new Doctor Who?
- Who plays Juliet in Love Actually?
- Vodka, Galliano and orange juice are used to make which classic cocktail?
- Whose real name is Ilyena Lydia Vasilieva Mironov?
- Which British monarch gave the first royal Christmas Day broadcast in 1932?
- Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?
- Gary Jules had a hit with which song from the Donnie Darko soundtrack?
- Name the six original countries in the European Union.
- Under British Law, what can you legally buy when you reach age 12?
- What is the 11th sign of the zodiac?
- What was Mr. Bean searching for when he got his head stuck in the turkey?
- In which pantomime does Robin Hood and Maid Marion appear?
- SW1A 2AA is the postcode for which famous residence?
- Sir Henry Cole is credited with introducing which Christmas tradition in 1843?
- Which two countries are first to celebrate New Year?
- What Christmas product incorporates a silver strip which features a compound called silver fulminate?
- Who was crowned King of England on Christmas Day 1066?
- By what name were Don Powell, Dave Hill, Jimmy Lea and Noddy Holder known?
- Which film was remade for a fourth time this year?
- Who was born in Sheerwater, Woking, in 1958?
- Who composed the music for the festive season ballet The Nutcracker?
- What did Donald Gardner want for Christmas?
- Who discovered Christmas Island in 1777?
- Which British territory was captured on Christmas Day 1941?
- Which duo dressed up as Batman and Robin on their 1996 Christmas Day Special?
- Which country gives a Christmas tree to Britain every year?
- What were the names of Cinderella's two ugly sisters?
- Which US movie-actor/comedian died on Christmas Day 1946?
- In the Pogues' song 'Fairy Tale of New York', which choir are singing Galway Bay?
- The name for which traditional festive season accessory is derived from the Anglo Saxon words for dung on a twig?
- What was one of the best-selling Christmas gifts of 1980?
- Which Hollywood film icon was born on Christmas day 1899?
- In which fictional land was it always winter but never Christmas?

Double crossword

CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

- This may be used with inflationary effect (4)
- I'm getting the strong ale he brings in (8)
- See 21 Across
- Insurance allowed for quilt (8)
- In vessel going down it's white-hot! (12)
- Non-clerics meanly disturbed (6)
- Given a lift (6)
- One of the main roads known to men of craft (8,4)
- One who keeps a servant (8)
- 21 & 8Ac. More ties could become irritating (8)
- Gets together a number of prayers (8)
- See 7 Down

Down

- Having dough around I'll make this confection (8)
- Impersonation of anguished noise by operatic heroine (7)
- It could be debated whether it's a beastly noise by Edward! (6)
- Exact too much money on account of the accusation (10)
- In effect, a long claw (5)
- 7 & 23Ac. Let's rush wildly, showing no pity (8)
- Come in with reward, we hear, for initiative (10)
- Love in this will produce heartsease! (8)
- Where you'll find the holidaymakers upset by disease (7)
- Listen distractedly without a sound (6)
- An accommodating place where he mixes with a lot (5)
- In Manchester I contacted the boy (4)

QUICK CLUES

Across

- Cook (4)
- Far on (8)
- Tidy (4)
- Scholarly (8)
- Preliminary (12)
- Get away (6)
- Trumpet (6)
- Speeding up (12)
- Uneatable (8)
- Couch (4)
- Explode (8)
- Sell (4)

Down

- Think (8)
- Resilient (7)
- Diversion (6)
- Extra (10)
- Singers (5)
- Twilight (4)
- Fulfilment (10)
- Flag (8)
- Offensive (7)
- Little ball (6)
- Ridge (5)
- Discover (4)

Double crossword solutions

18 Crest; 19 Find
7 Dusk; 10 Completion; 12 Standard; 15 Noisome; 16 Pellet;
Down: 1 Consider; 2 Elusive; 4 Detour; 5 Additional; 6 Choir;
Indebted; 21 Soot; 22 Detonate; 23 Vend
Induction; 13 Escape; 14 Corner; 17 Shipping lane; 20
Across: 1 Chef; 3 Advanced; 8 Neat; 9 Studious; 11
QUICK SOLUTIONS

Quiz answers

- Lapland is two hours ahead
- The Spice Girls
- Will Ferrell
- Dancing
- George Clooney
- Cinderella
- Capricorn
- Jodie Whittaker
- Kiera Knightley
- Screenwriter
- Helen Mirren
- George V
- Pope Francis
- Mad World
- Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands
- His watch
- Babes in the Wood
- Downing Street
- Sending Christmas cards
- Samo and Kiribati Christmas Island
- Christmas crackers
- William the Conqueror
- Slade
- A Star Is Born
- Paul Weller
- A pet
- Aquarius
- His watch
- Del Boy and Rodney
- Hong Kong
- Captain Cook
- His two front teeth
- Tchakovsky
- W C Fields
- The boys of the NYPD choir
- Mistake
- Rubik's Cube
- Humphrey Bogart
- Narnia

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Full of beans

by Lewis Berrill

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The show, from November 28 to January 6, is brought to you by the same team as last year's record-breaking Beauty and the Beast and 2016's Cinderella.

The story of Jack and the Beanstalk has become a Christmas classic with all the ingredients for great panto.

James William-Pattison, who plays Jack, told the *YA* he is "super excited" for his first ever panto role.

"I have been to see a few in the past and it really gets me in the Christmas mood, but I have never had the chance to be in one," he said. "It's my big moment."

"Everyone wants to be the hero of the story and take on the giant, especially growing up when the idea of there being so many bigger people out there in the world can be

so daunting – it's a dream come true."

James is joined by John

CAST: L – R: John Barr, James William-Pattison, Claire Greenway, and Elizabeth Rowe

Photo: Mark Sepple

all equals and we get on really well," he mused, comparing the difference between celebrity and actors' pantos.

"Even though I am playing Jack, I have to do my time playing music for others while they are in the limelight."

Queen's pantos are renowned for their musical vibrancy, with the actors performing with instruments on stage.

And this year's show is no different with hits from across decades including This is Me, Great Balls of Fire, Reach For The Stars, Baby Shark and many more.

"The show is all dancing, singing and a bit of mayhem – it's got it all," exclaimed James.

The theatre is offering several access performances; a relaxed performance on Wednesday, January 2, at 5.30pm, a dementia-friendly performance at 1.30pm on Thursday, January 3, followed by a 6.30pm signed performance.

There will also be an audio described performance on Friday, January 4, at 1pm.

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ROBBING HOODS

ROBIN HOOD (12A, 116 mins)

THE men are far from merry in director Otto Bathurst's gung-ho action adventure, which canthers through the blood-soaked origins of the English folk hero before he gives serious thought to riding through glens or stealing from the rich. "Forget what you think you know. This is no bedtime story," booms a superfluous voiceover narration which accompanies the derring-do on horseback and daredevil acrobatics in a bygone Nottingham torn apart by the unholy union of state and church.

Action set pieces are reminiscent of the Assassin's Creed video games, employing slow-motion to excess as leading man Taron Egerton performs bone-crunching somersaults while firing arrows with his trusty bow.

Bathurst delivers some decent thrills with these high-tempo sequences including a breathless chase in horse-drawn carts choreographed to resemble the chariot race from Ben-Hur, and the explosive theft of the Sheriff of Nottingham's war taxes.

Away from the testosterone-fuelled destruction, Ben Chandler and David James Kelly's script allows Egerton to recycle his charm and swagger from the Kingsman films while co-star Ben Mendelsohn embraces the panto-

mime season as a suitably slippery Sheriff of Nottingham. Tim Minchin attempts to provide

comic relief as Friar Tuck but there are few opportunities to play for genuine laughs here.

The Sheriff of Nottingham (Mendelsohn) issues a draft notice to Lord Robin of Loxley (Egerton) to fight in the Crusades in Arabia.

During four grueling years away from his sweetheart Marian (Eve Hewson), Robin is battle-hardened by

his experiences wielding a bow under Commander Guy Gisbourne (Paul Anderson).

He witnesses brutality perpetrated by the English against enemy prisoners and Robin defies his comrades to protect a Moor called John (Jamie Foxx), whose son is tortured by Gisbourne's underlings.

Robin returns to Nottingham in disgrace and learns that the Sheriff has falsely reported his

death and seized his assets.

A grief-stricken Marian is now in the arms of impassioned community leader Will Tillman (Jamie Dornan), who speaks on behalf of the common folk in their disputes against the Sheriff.

Heartbroken and enraged by the hand that fate has dealt him, Robin trains with John to overthrow the Sheriff, whose war taxes have impacted the poorest in society. "Vengeance for you and justice for my son," seethes the Moor.

Robin Hood is a solid and well-executed romp, which is clearly intended as the opening chapter of a franchise.

Egerton copes admirably with the physical demands of the lead role and he catalyses a gently simmering screen chemistry with Hewson (the daughter of U2 singer Bono), who is squandered as the sole female character with a voice.

Foxx snarls his lines as the grief-stricken mentor, who transforms Robin into a buff killing machine.

Unlike its dashing hero, Bathurst's film doesn't hit all of its intended targets, but it comes close enough to entertain for almost two hours.

Released: November 21
RATING: 6/10

TAKE A BOW: Taron Egerton as Robin

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- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, over-50s, beginners tai chi. 10am - noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
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Saturday, November 24

- Christmas Bazaar – St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashingdon, 2-4.30pm.
- Saturday Night at the Movies and Musicals – Cornerstone United Reformed Church, Bournmouth Park Road, Southend, SS2 5JL. 7.30pm. Tickets: 01702 548931.
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- Julian Bury – bass and Tristan Maillot – drums. £10. Details: 01245 420475.
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- Sunday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

Sunday, November 25

- Giant family funday and bazaar – Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Ave, Billericay, CM12 0SY.
- Family service – Christ Church, Wickford, 10.30am.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
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- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 07757 658799.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 10am to noon. Membership £3.

Monday, November 26

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- Ron Spack's Jazztet with Kenny Baxter, saxophone, Tony Gooderham, keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
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- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
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- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, Bowers and Pitsea Football Club, Crown Avenue, Pitsea, SS13 2BE. 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
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- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

Tuesday, November 27

- Couples. Table tennis, snooker, 8-10pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashingdon. Drop in or call 01702 548597.
- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, 01268 498642.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, supporting people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2JT, 9.30am-2pm.
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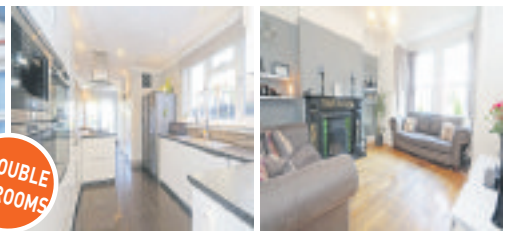
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The Secretary of State gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of southern part width of Hillside Road consisting highway verge at Eastwood, in the District of Rochford.

If made, the Order would authorise the stopping up only to enable development as permitted by Rochford District Council, under reference 15/00795/OUT.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Customer Services, Rochford Council, South Street, Rochford SS4 1BW in the 28 days commencing on 21 November 2018, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the address stated below (quoting NATTRAN/E/S247/3551).

Any person may object to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on **19 December 2018**. Any person submitting any correspondence is advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your correspondence.

G Patrick, Casework Manager

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Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of Cavell Lodge 5 Blenheim Chase Leigh-on-Sea Essex SS9 3BZ, who died on 03/11/2018, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitors on or before 25/01/2019, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

(CLIFFS PAVILION AREA) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND PERMIT PARKING PLACES)
(ZONE CP) ORDER 2016 (AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2018
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 36, 47, 49, 53 and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance to Part III of Schedule 9 to the act of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

The general effect of the Order would be the introduction of permit parking places to facilitate the improvement of parking for residents in **Palmeira Avenue and Holland Road, and shared use permit parking places and pay and display/pay by phone parking in Station Road Westcliff-on-Sea, between the hours of 11am to 9 pm daily and minor amendments to the preamble and schedules of the main order. Map Tiles Nos U15, V15 will be updated**

Schedule 9 – Permit holders only (Zone CP-1)/Payment Parking (Zone CP-1).

Tariff No.	Road	Side of Road	Proposed Description	Tariff	
9	Station Road Westcliff-on-Sea	North-East	From the north western boundary of No.79 Station Road to outside No.57 Station Road	Up to 1 Hour Up to 3 Hours Up to 6 Hours Over 6 Hours	£1.10 £4.00 £7.00 £10.00

THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (STOPPING, WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, PARKING PLACES AND PERMIT PARKING ZONES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2016 (AMENDMENT NO. 13) ORDER 2018

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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To introduce No Waiting at Any Time on the following lengths of Road

Road	Side of Road	Proposed Description
Eastwoodbury Lane	North	10 metres either side of its junction with Bristol Road
Eastwoodbury Lane	North	10 metres either side of its junction with Vickers Road
Eastwoodbury Lane	South	10 metres west of its junction with Eastwoodbury Crescent
Bristol Road	Both	10 metres north of its junction with Eastwoodbury Lane
Bristol Road	Both	10 metres south of its junction with Wells Avenue
Vickers Road	Both	10 metres north of its junction with Eastwoodbury Lane
Vickers Road	Both	10 metres south of its junction with Wells Avenue
Wells Avenue	South	10 metres either side of its junction with Bristol Road
Wells Avenue	South	10 metres either side of its junction with Vickers Road
Eastwoodbury Crescent	West	from its junction with Eastwoodbury Lane southwards for approx. 14 metres
Eastwoodbury Crescent	Both	10 metres from its junction with Rochford Road Service Road (North West)
Rochford Road Service Road (North West)	Both	10 metres south west of its junction with Eastwoodbury Crescent
Rochford Road Service Road (North West)	Both	10 metres north east of its junction with Eastwoodbury Crescent
Rochford Road	North West	10 metres both sides of its junction with Eastwoodbury Crescent
Rochford Road	South East	13 metres north east of its junction with Rochford Road Service Road (South East) to a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Rochford Road Service Road (South East)
Rochford Road Service Road (South East)	Both	From its junction with Rochford Road north eastwards for a distance of approx. 13 metres
Alton Gardens	South East	10 metres either side of its junction with Derek Gardens
Derek Gardens	Both	10 metres south east of its junction with Alton Gardens

To introduce No Waiting 12 noon to 2 pm Daily on the following lengths of Road

Road	Side of Road	Proposed Description
Eastwoodbury Lane	North	Outside Nos. 67 to 85 Eastwoodbury Lane
Eastwoodbury Lane	North	Outside Nos. 7 to 57 Eastwoodbury Lane
Eastwoodbury Lane	South	Opposite No.7 to 83 Eastwoodbury Lane
Eastwoodbury Crescent	West	From Nos. 5 to 27 Eastwoodbury Crescent
Eastwoodbury Crescent	East	From Nos.203 Rochford Road to 22 Eastwoodbury Crescent
Alton Gardens	North West	From approx. 15 metres from its junction with Manners Way to outside No.89 Alton Gardens
Alton Gardens	South East	From approx. 15 metres north east of its junction with Derek Gardens to approx. 15 metres south west of its junction with Manners Way

To introduce No Waiting 9am to 6pm Daily on the following length of Road

Road	Side of Road	Proposed Description
Warners Gardens	Both	From approx. 15 metres east of its junction with Manners Way eastwards for approx. 42 metres

To introduce No Waiting 8am to 6pm Daily on the following lengths of Road

Road	Side of Road	Proposed Description
Rochford Road	North West	Adjacent to Nos. 205 to 275 Rochford Road
Rochford Road	South East	From No 282 Rochford Road to opposite No.163 Rochford Road
Rochford Road	North West	Adjacent to Nos.149 to 197 Rochford Road
Rochford Road	South East	Outside Nos.138 and 148 Rochford Road

Copies of the Draft Orders, plans and Statement of the Council's Reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be viewed at the Contact Centre on the ground floor of the Civic Centre (address below) during normal office hours. Documents can also be viewed online at: <http://www.southendtrafficweb.co.uk/consult/main.html> and/or http://www.southend.gov.uk/downloads/200434/traffic_regulation_orders

Comments on the proposals together with the reasons for which they are made should be sent in writing or via the above websites to reach the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) and marked for the attention of the Traffic Management & Road Safety Team at the address below by no later than 12th December 2018.

All written representations received concerning Traffic Regulation Orders are public documents that may be inspected by any person on demand.

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England 2-1 Croatia

ENGLAND captain Harry Kane grabbed a dramatic late winner on Sunday as the Three Lions booked a place in the UEFA Nations League semi-finals.

Following respective 3-2 successes for both nations over Spain, this was now set up as a "winner takes all" clash – with a place in next summer's semi-finals guaranteed for the victors while the loser faced relegation from League A.

Although the sides had since played out a tense goalless encounter in Rijeka, many England fans viewed the opposition as a bogey team following a heartbreaking World Cup semi-final defeat in July, and a damaging 3-2 loss at Wembley in November 2007, which denied England a place at the 2008 European Championships.

The occasion wasn't lost on England boss, Gareth Southgate – or the threat posed by the Croatians: "We know their style of play, we know their preferences, the areas that they build up, we know areas that we think we can try to exploit."

England survived an early scare when a combination of mindful goalkeeping from Jordan Pickford and poor finishing denied Ivan Perisic and Ante Rebic within the opening minute.

Meanwhile, Croatian stopper, Lovre Kalinic, thwarted the marauding Raheem Sterling after Kane had sent the pacy Manchester City man clear.

England were starting to produce the slicker football. Kane saw



GOAL: Harry Kane scores the winner for England against Croatia

Photo: Nick Potts/PA Wire

two efforts in quick succession rebuffed by Tin Jedvaj and Kalinic, this after the visitors' keeper had initially raced from his line to nod clear from Sterling.

This was already turning into a fascinating contest. Kalinic continued to frustrate England, saving in unorthodox fashion from Ben Chilwell, while Barkley fired into the side netting. In between, Ivan Perisic hooked over after Andrej Kramaric fashioned an opening as Croatia produced a rare foray forward of their own.

Kalinic clawed out from Sterling after Marcus Rashford had broken down the left as England continued to press after the break. But the Croatian threat was very real and shortly before the hour mark, Andrej Kramaric steadied himself before firing high beyond Pickford.

An all too familiar cloud of despondency seemed to descend as Croatia, masters in the art of grinding out a win, began to look comfortable. Southgate introduced Jesse Lingard and Jadon Sancho in

a bid to lift the flagging tempo, and the move paid instant dividends.

Lingard arrived to prod home the easiest goal he'll ever score after Kalinic had kept out Kane's initial effort.

Time was running out, but soon after England grabbed the lead. Skipper Kane stretched out his right leg to divert Chilwell's free-kick past Kalinic inside the upright. Speaking after the match, Southgate said: "I'm hugely proud of all of the players and all of the staff because we've grown together. We've improved every step and today was another big occasion."

"Plenty of pressure on the game, but they coped with it really well."

"We then had to show another side, the resilience and character to stay in it. We may be a 'new England' but we scored from a long throw and a wide free-kick. So maybe nothing changes."

"But the most pleasing thing of all for me is the connection with the fans because I've not heard Wembley like that for years."

"We have given our supporters some really memorable days and nights this year. We want to continue that and build on it because the energy that came back to the team in those difficult moments helped us to get over the line."

England: Jordan Pickford, Kyle Walker, Ben Chilwell, Eric Dier, Joe Gomez, John Stones, Ross Barkley (Dele Alli 63'), Fabian Delph (Jesse Lingard 73'), Harry Kane (capt), Raheem Sterling, Marcus Rashford (Jadon Sancho 73') Subs: Jack Butland, Alex McCarthy, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Lewis Dunk, Michael Keane, Luke Shaw, Harry Winks, Ruben Loftus-Cheek, Callum Wilson

Croatia: Lovre Kalinic, Šime Vrsaljko (Antonio Milic 27'), Ivan Perisic, Dejan Lovren, Nikola Vlasic (Marko Rog 79'), Andrej Kramaric, Luka Modric (capt), Marcelo Brozovic, Tin Jedvaj, Ante Rebic (Josip Brekalo 46'), Domagoj Vida. Subs: Dominik Livakovic, Karlo Leticica, Matej Mitrovic, Josip Brekalo, Duje Caleta-Car, Filip Bradaric, Mario Pasalic, Milan Badelj, Marko Pjaca, Josip Pivarc

Referee: Tasos Sidiropoulos (Greece) **Assistants:** Polychronis Kostasaras, Lazaros Dimitriadis (Greece) **Fourth Official:** Damianos Efthimiadis (Greece)

Attendance: 78,221

Deja vu for Blues as they fall to late strike

Southend United 1-2 Blackpool
Brian Jeeves reporting from Roots Hall Stadium

IT was another bad day at the office for Chris Powell and his Blues as Blackpool became the fourth side to snatch a late goal to take all three points from them this season.

Despite a Checkatrade Trophy victory during the week, Blues went into the game off the back of successive league setbacks at Sunderland and Barnsley.

Powell was mindful that his side faced another tough test, saying: "It's been up and down for us, but we will keep on chipping away."

Nevertheless, during a bright opening Armand Ganduillet nodded Joe Dodoo's centre the wrong side of an upright.

Blues went even closer when Michaelightly's angled chip

deceived Blackpool goalkeeper, Mark Howard, but rebounded off the inside of the post before being swept clear.

But there was clearly a nervousness about Southend, and within a quarter of an hour, they found themselves behind. Oliver Turton was on hand to profit from close range after Marc Bola had picked him out from the right.

Southend already looked woefully short of ideas. Howard easily fielded Sam Mantom's speculative strike, while Kightly was wayward.

The confidence visibly drained from the Blues players as well as Powell's men fruitlessly looked for a way back into the match.

Blues looked equally fragile after the break. Keeper Mark Oxley was rooted to the spot as Jay Spearing's deflected thunderbolt cannoned

back of the bar.

Stephen Hendrie attempted to lift Southend's spirits, but Howard was equal to his stinging effort. Meanwhile, Jay Spearing was a whisker away with a left-footed attempt from 18 yards.

But there was always a chance Southend could find a route back. Timothee Dieng exquisitely picked out Jason Demetriou and the Cypriot international dived headlong to restore parity.

But the Blues' joy was short lived. Armand Ganduillet nodded home Harry Pritchard's centre, restoring Blackpool's advantage.

Things soon went from bad to worse. Blues defender, Michael Turner, was shown a straight red card, the official signalling a stamp from the former Sunderland man.

Powell cut a forlorn figure after

his side's flat performance.

"It has now happened too often," he said.

Southend take on AFC Wimbledon at Kingsmeadow in Sky Bet League One on Saturday November 24 (3pm).

Southend United: Mark Oxley, Jason Demetriou, Michael Turner, Taylor Moore, Stephen Hendrie, Harry Bunn, Timothee Dieng, Sam Manton (capt), Michael Kightly (Stephen McLaughlin 74'), Dru Yearwood (Shawn McCoulsky 31'), Simon Cox Subs not used: Nathan Bishop, Elvis Bwomono, Luke Hyam, Harry Kyrianiou, Theo Robinson

Blackpool: Mark Howard, Donervon Daniels, Ben Heneghan, Nathan Delfouneso, Jay Spearing (capt), Joe Dodoo (Michael Nottingham 70'), Curtis Tilt, Oliver Turton, Armand Ganduillet, Callum Guy (Harry Pritchard 60'), Marc Bola Subs not used: Myles Boney, Mark Cullen, John O'Sullivan, Chris Taylor, Liam Feeney

Referee: Nicholas Kinsley **Assistants:** Marc Wilson, Richard Kendall **Fourth Official:** Geoffrey Russell **Attendance:** 6,822

Non-league football

Victory gives new hope to Daggers

DAGENHAM & Redbridge did their National League survival chances a power of good with a notable 2-1 success over promotion-chasing AFC Fylde at Victoria Road.

The Daggers had trailed to Andrew Bond's second-minute strike for the visitors. However, goals from Conor Wilkinson and Jack Munns turned the match on its head.

Leyton Orient went back to the top of the table after seeing off Bromley 3-1 at Brisbane Road.

The O's also had to come from behind after John Goddard fired the Ravens ahead shortly before the break.

But the east Londoners hit back through Jobi McAnuff, Josh Koroma and Macauley Bonne to take the points and move above Wrexham who were held at Maidstone United.

But Braintree Town continue to struggle. Danny Wright, Adi Yussuf and Matt Stenson all scored as Solihull Moors won 3-0 at Cressing Road. The Iron remain second from bottom, five points from safety.

Billerica Town's National League South charge was held up as Hungerford Town came within a whisker of a shock result at Bulpit Lane. Dean Inman scored a brace for the Blues – including a last-gasp equaliser after the hosts had led thanks to goals from Josh Martin and Romon Rose.

Concord Rangers were soundly beaten 4-1 at Torquay United. Ahmed Abdullah grabbed the Canvey-based club's consolation. Meanwhile, a Sam Higgins penalty proved insufficient for East Thurrock United, who went down 2-1 at home to Hemel Hempstead Town.

It also proved to be a frustrating afternoon for Chelmsford City as Truro City won 2-0 at the Melbourne Stadium. George Purcell scored for AFC Hornchurch in a 1-1 draw with Worthing at Bridge Avenue.

Leaders Bowers & Pitsea were left stunned as Brentwood Town recorded a comfortable 3-0 Bostk North victory at the Arena – James Pelling, Ryan Mallett and Charlee Hughes with the goals.

Grays Athletic made ground on those above them with a thumping 5-1 win over Dereham Town – Thomas Wade, Joao Carlos (pen), Thomas Wade, Mitchel Hahn and Michael Finneran with the home side's haul.

Great Waking Rovers won an entertaining clash with Heybridge Swifts by the odd goal in five at Burrough Park. Jake Gordon scored twice for the villagers, while Billy Johnson also hit the net. Odeji Martin-Sorondo and Kreshnic Krasniqi replied for Julian Dicks's men.

Joshua Davison and Darelle Russell helped Barking to a 2-1 success over Soham Town Rangers, while Maldon & Tiptree played out a tense goalless encounter with Tilbury.

Canvey Island found themselves on the wrong end of a 2-0 defeat to AFC Sudbury at Park Lane. Basildon United were also beaten as Felixstowe & Walton Utd won 1-0 at the Ho Ho Stadium.

Elsewhere, Romford went down 2-1 at Mildenhall Town – Henry Fisher with the Romford goal. Woodford Town won their derby at Walthamstow 3-1, while Redbridge also won on the road, beating Stanway Rovers by the odd goal in three.

There were 2-1 wins for Takely, Hullbridge Sports and West Essex at Hoddesdon Town, St Margaretsbury and Ilford respectively. Southend Manor also claimed maximum points as Barkingside left Southchurch Park off the back of a 2-0 defeat.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Hutton beat Sungate 3-1.

In Division One, Shenfield AFC won 5-0 at Old Chelmsfordians, while in Division Two Lakeside provided a goal feast with an 11-0 win over May & Baker Eastbrook Community "A".

Old Southendian Reserves won their Division Three encounter with Roydon 1-0 at Garon Park.

Waking Sports also enjoyed a good day as Academy Soccer were on the wrong end of a 3-1 scoreline at Cupids Country Club.

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Colds TYPICALLY LAST 1 - 2 WEEKS



What can I do to treat myself?

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- Symptoms persisting beyond 3 weeks
- A high temperature above 39°C
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- You cough up blood-stained phlegm (thick mucus)

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What can I do to treat myself?

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Nasal Congestion

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What can I do to treat myself?

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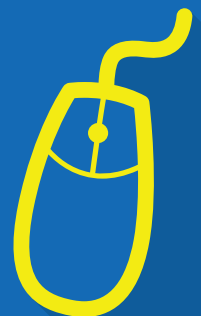
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